

## The Impact of The World's Oldest Profession on The Life of Man

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### ABSTRACT

The study adopted explanatory research design, the research strategy used was cross-sectional survey, the research approach was qualitative research approach, the population of the study was 10 authors, the sampling design were surveyed of the papers published by journals and papers published at the various websites, the source of data collection was primary source, the method of data collection was research into papers under the subject of the study. The problem statement of the study was "The impact of "the world's oldest profession" on the life of man. The objectives of the study were achieved and the background of the study was brief introduction of prostitution. Through research, the study generalized that "the world's oldest profession" had impact on the life of man. The study recommended that governments of the various countries should not legalized prostitution but enforced laws against prostitutes, pastors of the various churches must preached against prostitution; Actors and

Actresses ought to act films about the life and the end of the prostitutes to educate the public.

**KEYWORDS:** Prostitution, Life, Impact, Man, Origin, Problems, Argument, Legalizing, Myths, Causes, Sex, Reasons

### BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

#### INTRODUCTION

Prostitution is the act of involving in sexual activity for the purpose of getting money. Sexual activity implies to have sex with a customer but prostitution is also known as sexual services, commercial sex, hooking or "the world's oldest profession". Anyone who practice prostitution is called prostitute. The legal status of prostitution differs from one country to another country. There are two types prostitution and they

are escort prostitution and street prostitution. Escort prostitution occurs at the client's residence. Street prostitution - the sex worker looks for customers from public such as waiting at the street corners or walking alongside a

street. There are 42 million prostitutes in the world (Wikipedia,n.d). The people who practice prostitution are males and females and prostitution is heterosexual or homosexual activity. A woman who practice sexual intercourse with one man is called mistress and such woman is not regarded as a prostitute. Historically there was a proof of prostitution happening throughout all societies. The earliest forms of prostitution include sacred prostitution. Prostitution has existed right from the earliest societies but a lot of people have accepted that it is helpful to society both economically and socially. The word "whore" refers to female prostitutes but "whore" is derived from the Old English called "hora", which comes from Indo-European root "Ka" meaning "desire". In Germany many prostitutes' organizations prefer to use the word "Hure" (whore) because they believe that prostitution is a bureaucratic term. Male prostitutes who service female prostitutes are known as gigolos. Male prostitutes who offer services to male customers are called hustlers (newworldencyclopedia,n.d).

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- To find out the origin of prostitution
- To find out the causes of prostitution
- To find out problems in prostitution

- To find out the reasons why men buy for sex
- To find out myths about Prostitutes
- To find out how prostitution became business
- To find out argument against Legalization of prostitution industry
- To find out significance legalizing prostitution

### **ORIGIN OF PROSTITUTION**

In the ancient days the Sumerians practiced sacred prostitution. Every woman in Babylon once in her life time had to visit the temple of Millitta and had sex with a stranger as a sign of hospitality. In Canaan was found male temple of prostitution and in the temple they practiced Sardina and some Phoenician cultures to honor the goddess Ashart. Through the Phoenician, this practice spread to the rest of the Mediterranean Sea such as Erice, LocriEpizephiri, Croton. Prostitution was rampant in ancient Israel and the Bible mentioned a prostitute in Jericho in the person of Rahab who assisted the Israelites' spies. When the Israelites defeated Canaan, she stopped prostitution and was converted to Judasim. In the ancient days both boys and women were involved in prostitution. The word "prostitution" comes from the Greek word call "Porne" and the word "Porne" is derived from the verb "pernemi" meaning "to sell". The

prostitutes were expected to wear distinctive dresses and had to pay taxes. Many prostitutes were well known due their beauty and charged extraordinary. The cities of Cyprus and Corinth practiced religious prostitution and the temple accommodated more than thousand prostitutes. Male prostitutes was rampant in Greece and it was adolescent boys who practiced it. In Asian countries some barbers offered sexual services but men who organized prostitution were called pimps and the females organizers were known as madams. In the olden days when the Roman Empire developed foreign slaves were prostitutes and being "prostitutes farmers" took abandoned children. The abandoned children were trained as prostitutes. To be enslaved as prostitutes was form of legal punishment against criminal free women. During that time male aristocrat who bought naked men and women in private were permitted to inspect them. In Pompeii many brothels called Lupanar witnessd about the use of prostitutes in Rome around the end of the century. Roman prostitution was categorized into ranks.

**THESIS STATEMENT:** The problem statement of the study was "The impact of the world's oldest profession on the life of man. The study found out the causes of prostitution,, the origin of prostitution, the reasons why men buy for sex, problems in prostitution, myths

about prostitution, prostitution became business, argument against Legalization of prostitution and significance of legalizing prostitution.

## CAUSES OF PROSTITUTION

**Sexual curiosity:** According to survey about 68 percent of the women became prostitutes due to their interest in sex. Many female escort and female clinic prostitutes said they became prostitutes out of the desire to test sex. A lot of them agreed that they had interest in sex before entering the prostitution industry.

**Money:** Most of the women are prostitutes because of money. About 85 percent of the prostitutes agree that money is the main reason to become prostitutes.

**Stigmatization:** A lot of women enter the prostitution industry out of feeling stigmatized by the society.

**Child Abuse:** The media, politicians and general public accept that child abuse is one of the causes of prostitution.

**Attraction:** Some of the women said they were attracted into prostitution because of huge amount of money while they were not grow up.

**Opportunity:** Other women regard prostitution as a means to further their education and to improve the standard of living.

**Daily bread:** Some women see prostitution as the way to make ends meet. Many women find it hard to work with their hands.

**Help:** A lot of women accept that they are assisting married men to get what they are not getting at home.

**Situation:** Now many women are prostitutes because of circumstances beyond their control. When a woman husband dies, divorced or her family abandon her. Someone could rape her and becomes pregnant. If she has no work to make ends meet, she will sell her sex for money.

**Prosperity:** There are women who accept that prostitution is one of the ways to come of poverty.

### **Physical, emotional and sexual abuse**

In 2001 R.Barri Flowers talked about the relationship between prostitution and abuse and said that girls were victims of this problem. He said the victim girls were exposed to prostitution than girls those who were not abused but promiscuous behavior was one of the causes of sexual abuse. In reference to (Barannigan and Van Brunshot,2002) childhood sexual victimization led prostitution. This goes with sexual exploitation but the victim regard herself being disgraced and tha ushers her to adult life. If a teenatger sexually abuse for a

couple of time, the best way to come out of it is to runaway. A lot of the teenage prostitutes found on the streets were victims of physical or sexual abuse (grin,n.d).

### **REASONS WHY MEN BUY FOR SEX**

In January 26, 2010 psychologists from International Advocacy group had discussion with 700 Johns in many countries to find out the reasons why men buy forr sex. They had discussion with 103 people in London aged 18-70 and the results as follows:

- Prostitution was just like masturbating without using one's hands.
- They had freedom to use the women in a way that they liked.
- They could get the type of lady they wanted
- They were to able satisfy their immediate sexual desire.
- Through prostitution, men was capable to enjoy his sexual desire to the highest level and became content of himself.

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Many writers have written papers condemning prostitution as evil. Due to the views of the authors, the study considered it as important to investigate into the impact of prostitution on the

life of man. In reference to (Britannica,n.d) an article written by John Philip Jenkins entitled "Prostitution" confirmed that a lot of prostitutes were women and their clients were men. The perceptions of prostitution was centered on cultural values that differ from societies. Some of the societies regarded prostitutes as professionals and others did not value them but punished them by stoning, imprisonment and death. Some cultures accepted prostitution as a puberty rites of young girls. Other religions prostitution is found among certain class of priestess. In the ancient days the Greeks and the Romans ordered that prostitutes should wear distinctive dresses and pay taxes. The Jewish law never accepted prostitution but attributed the practice to foreign women. Among laws that Moses made to promote public dealt with issues of prostitution. Around the Middle Ages in Europe church leaders tried to reform prostitutes but prostitution progressed and licensed, legalized and regenerated public revenue. In reference to (lumenlearning) an article written entitled "Prostitution" states that conservative religious views admitted that prostitution was immoral since men had to pay for sex and regarded prostitution as society moral corruption. A lot of feminists accepted that prostitution disgraced women and prostitutes were robbed, beaten and raped. Many people accepted that prostitution spread

STDs at a faster rate. Because of this, many people supported the view that prostitution should not be legalized but laws must be enforced against prostitutes. With respect to the views of the above authors, the study investigated into the origin of prostitution, causes of prostitution, problems in prostitution, the reasons why men buy for sex and myths about prostitution.

## **PROBLEMS IN PROSTITUTION**

### **Sexual promiscuity**

This means prostitutes used to have sex with many customers frequently to extent that they can enjoy with 10 men in a day. These people can't stay alone when they travel. According to research 3 percent of British women accepted that they had sex with local people when they travelled; 12 percent of British men practiced the same thing. About 20 percent of Swedish and Austrian men and women admitted to have sex when they travelled (googleweblight,n.d).

### **Murder**

There are several reports on homicide of street prostitutes and those who fall victim of this situation fall within the late 20s-early 30s and 69 percent of Africa American. In some of the Muslim Countries prostitutes are punished by death.

### **Sexual transmitted diseases**

It is easy for prostitutes to be affected with HIV and spread it at a faster rate. Universally, prostitutes consist of 9 percent of the total number of the new HIV infection. In Eastern and Southern part of Africa HIV rate is high among female prostitutes. More than 50 percent of prostitutes are having HIV in Swaziland, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

### **MYTHS ABOUT PROSTITUTES**

**Myth:** Prostitutes are women.

**Fact:** Prostitutes are not only women but men are included.

**Myth:** All the Prostitutes have not married.

**Fact:** A lot of Prostitutes are married couples.

**Myth:** Prostitutes do not have children.

**Fact:** In 2005 research conducted in Moscow proved that 80 percent of Prostitutes were mothers.

**Myth:** All the Prostitutes are coerced.

**Fact:** Many of the Prostitutes are not coerced.

**Myth:** Prostitutes do not prefer to use condoms.

**Fact:** Prostitutes can use condoms if they taught how to use them.

**Myth:** Prostitution is not regarded as work

**Fact:** According to International Labour Office's New Global Standard Prostitutes are enjoying the same entitlement as informal workers. In Brazil Prostitutes are permitted to register their occupation and receive pension.

### **HOW PROSTITUTION BECAME BUSINESS**

After the fall of the organized prostitution of the Roman Empire, a lot of prostitutes became slaves. Religious bodies campaigned against slavery but marketization of the economy turned prostitution into business. The Roman Catholic Church considered all forms sexual activity outside marriage as sin. Prostitution was accepted in order to prevent evil such as rape, sodomy and masturbation. During the Middle Ages, prostitution was common in the urban centers.

### **THE EFFECTS OF PROSTITUTION ON A SOCIETY**

- Sexual violence and physical assault are associated with women in legal prostitution. Research conducted in Dutch proved that 60 percent of women who were legal prostitutes were physically assaulted, 70 percent were threatened with physical assault and 40 percent were forced enter legal prostitution industry

- prostitutes are object to bad treatment during sexual intercourse and it may not be healthy to their bodies. When a man pays for sex, he thinks he has every right to do whatever pleases him.

- Legalization of prostitution does not end the negative effects on prostitution.

- According to Farley 98 percent of the prostitutes do not enjoy during sexual intercourse.

### **EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE OF MEN'S REASONS TO BUY FOR SEX**

About 21 percent of men desire women with racial and sexual stereotype like submissiveness, 20 percent buy sex because of they are not content with present relationship, 15 percent buy for sex due to lack of emotional commitment, 3 percent buy sex because of sexual addiction: 80 percent buy sex for being attracted by the prostitutes' pictures on billboard, pictures in local news papers, pictures posted on the internet (abcnews,2012). It is estimated that about 16 percent of men buy for sex in U.S (professor Manson,2005). A research conducted in Swedish in 2017 on men and women aged 16-84. A few women said they had paid for sex but 6000 respondents we're men. Many men who paid for sex confirmed that they were not satisfied with how often they had sex. Others

stated that they bought sex in order to gain enjoyment. Some said they had lost love for their partners and had no interest to have sex with them (sciencenoway,2021).

### **ARGUMENT AGAINST LEGALIZATION OF PROSTITUTION**

- Countries that have legalized prostitution often encountered problems such as surge in human trafficking, pimping and other related crimes.

- In New Zealand interview conducted with individual prostitutes shew that many of the prostitutes did not feel the benefits of legalizing prostitution.

- A study conducted in San Francisco proved 62 percent of female prostitutes were beaten by customers.

- According to report 36 percent of female prostitutes said that their buyers were violent.

- In Colorado homicide rate among female prostitutes is 7 times higher than the dangerous occupation in 1980s

- In Netherlands prostitutes confirmed that legalizing prostitution attracted foreign women to come to Netherlands which caused an increase in prostitution.

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF LEGALIZATION OF PROSTITUTION**

- Legalization of prostitution improve the safety of the prostitutes.
- It spells out the black market that exist for prostitution.
- Sex workers are not regarded as criminals.
- They have right to the legal system.
- They can report any attitude that negatively affect the prostitution industry.
- It reduces the spread of sexual transmitted diseases.
- It creates substantial revenue for a state.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **Introduction**

This chapter covers research design, research strategy, research approach, population of the study, sampling design, the source of data collection and the method of data collection. The research design used for the study was explanatory research design. Through this, the objectives of the study were achieved. The research strategy adopted for the study was cross-sectoonal survey where papers published concerning the topic under study were chosen as case study. The research approach used was

qualitative research approach. Because the study investigated into the impact of "world's oldest profession". The population of the study, sampling design, data collection and method of data were thoroughly investigated.

### **SAMPLING DESIGN**

The study examined papers published by academic journals and papers published at the various websites.

### **POPULATION OF THE STUDY**

The population of the study were 10 authors.

### **THE SOURCE OF DATA COLLECTION AND THE METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION**

The source of collecting data for the study was primary source and the method of data collection was research.

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The study found out the origin of prostitution, how prostitution became business, causes of prostitution, problems in prostitution, myths about prostitution, the reasons why men buy for sex, empirical evidence of men's reasons to buy



for sex, argument against Legalization of prostitution industry and significance of legalizing prostitution.

## **CONCLUSION**

The study discovered the negative effects and positives effects of prostitution. Due to these factors the study concluded that "the world's oldest profession had impact on the life of man.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **Education**

The church must create a platform to the public to know the meaning of marriage and to understand the advantages in marriage. This will help to develop peoples interest in marriage and love to marry. Within the church, pastors must preached against prostitution.

### **Films**

Film Actors and Actresses should act films about the life and end of prostitutes to educate the public concerning prostitution.

### **Law enforcement**

Governments of the various countries should not legalized prostitution but enforce laws against prostitutes.

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